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CHINESE OFFICIALS CONSIDER REFORM
IN CONSCRIPTION SYSTEM

On 23 March a 15-man committee of the Legislative Yuan met with representatives of the Ministry of Defense to consider reforms in the system of conscription.

The following principles were among those agreed upon:

1. Remove abuses, such as: (a) deferment of service; (b) desertions; (c) overuse of noncombatants, and padding of rolls.
2. Centralize training, but train militia locally.
3. Abolish recruiting agencies, leaving this work to local officials.
4. Arrange better treatment for soldiers and their families.
5. Implement system for discharge of soldiers.
6. Cease recruiting beyond quotas.

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